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Synopsis

The landmarks, architecture, street scenes, stores, businesses, schools, and fairgrounds of yesteryear are revisited to see what has been preserved or what stands in their place today. John Neely Bryan built the first cabin on the side of the Trinity River in 1841, and by 1845, when Texas was admitted to the Union, Dallas County and the town of Dallas were established, taking their name from President James K. Polk's vice-president George Mifflin Dallas. This collection uses vintage photographs chosen from nearly a million cataloged in the Dallas Public Library from the early days of photography up until the 1960s. Sites include Oak Cliff Viaduct, Founder's Cabin, the Old Red Courthouse, Dealey Plaza, Trinity River, Union Station, Lamar Street, Elm Street, Magnolia Petroleum building, Dallas Scottish Rite, the Adolphus Hotel, Love Field, Dallas Hall, and the State Fairgrounds.

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I really like the way Fitzgerald compiled it. The photos of early Dallas (my hometown) were great, and directly opposite, the photos of the way it is now, just as the title depicts. It brought forth favorite memories, and makes a great coffee table book.

What a loss for art, architecture and Dallas, that's all I could think about looking through this small book. It has photos of many Dallas hotels and buildings. Most of it was torn down to accommodate

the ugly sprawl that was created in the 1950's to make room for super freeways and lackluster corporate buildings that have no character. Doesn't cover Dallas downtown that much. It seems like much of the old was torn down. Overrated architect Philip Johnson put up his hideous JFK Memorial in 1970. I wonder what they tore down to put up such an ugly box.

New locations, modern photos. An excellent follow up to Mr. Fitzgerald's original book. Having lived and worked in Dallas for years, my whole family loves this!

I enjoyed seeing this review of old Dallas. It compares favorably with some others I have read, in fact, it is probably to be considered a better job.

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